

Steppin' Out Dance Centre  
**December 2018**  
Newsletter

**Annual Christmas Show/ Charity Event:**

Our Christmas Show will be held at the Thornton Academy Gym on Sunday, December 16th from 1-3pm. Join us for an afternoon full of dancing, fun, and even a visit from Santa! All dancers will be performing in our Christmas show. Practice times and costumes will be listed on a separate handout.

We will be having a 50/50 and raffling items to benefit this charity. Some of the raffles include Sweatshirts from Brady's, a gift certificate to Steppin' Out and much more. We will also be collecting canned goods for the local food pantry, as well as collecting a monetary donation at the door.

**Backstage Info:** We will be having the dancer's line up only two numbers before they are scheduled to perform. All dancers can enjoy watching the show from the audience until it is time to gather with their group. **We will no longer allow students to change or sit backstage.** Dancers will need to enter from stage right and exit on stage left. This should eliminate some distractions and make the show more enjoyable to watch. There are both boy and girl locker rooms for all the dancers to change in. There will be a separate handout with rehearsal times and what to wear for our Christmas Performance.

**Saco Main Street Lights Parade/Nursing Homes:**

This year our Performance Teams will be performing in the Saco Main St. lights parade on Saturday December 8th at 6:30pm! They will also be performing at 2 local nursing home this holiday season!

**Special Dancewear Orders for Christmas:**

Start your Christmas shopping here! We have a variety of items including Steppin' out Logo sweatshirts, Tee-Shirts, Long sleeve shirts, and dance bags in our dancewear store.

**Tuition & Costume Deposits:**

Just a reminder that all discounts, including family discounts, only apply if tuition is paid in full on or before the first class of each month.

Those of you who have not paid all of your costume deposits of \$60.00 per costume, a \$10 late fee will be applied on December 15th. Measurements are being taken so costumes can be ordered over Christmas vacation. All costumes will be posted in January in our lobby.

**Christmas Vacation:**

There will be no classes held from Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, January 1st in observance of the holidays. We will resume classes on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Dress Policy:**

We would like to remind all our dancers and their parents that we have a dress policy of **no jeans, street shoes, or untied hair** in our dance classes. Long hair should be tied back away from the face and proper dance attire and shoes should be worn to every class. For our streetfunk classes, especially, street shoes are not allowed to be worn for dance. All streetfunk students should have a separate pair of dance sneakers or jazz shoes for classes.

**Snow Day Cancellations:**

Class cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on Channel 6, 8, and 13 or check the message on our studio machine or website. They are not necessarily cancelled if school is, as sometimes the weather has changed by the afternoon. Also, classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled only if there is a second cancellation for that class during the season. Tuesday morning classes will be automatically cancelled if there is a school delay in Saco and Biddeford.

Happy Holidays!